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EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA.

PREVALENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

While the reports indicate changes from week to week in the number of cases of influenza in the different States, there appears to be little change in the general situation throughout the country. Cases of influenza are reported from all States from which information is secured, and the distribution of the disease appears to be general.

Reports from State health officers for the week ended January 18, 1919, indicate increases in the number of cases notified, as compared with the preceding week, in Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

Decreases in the number of reported cases are noted in the following-named States: California, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, New Jersey, Ohio, and Oklahoma. (See summary of reports, p. 133.)

The reports from zones surrounding Army camps show an increase of about 25 per cent in the number of cases notified as compared with the preceding week. (See p. 137.)

CODE OF LIGHTING FOR FACTORIES, MILLS, AND OTHER WORK PLACES.

The following is a report of the divisional committee on lighting, section on sanitation, committee on welfare work of the committee on labor, advisory commission, Council of National Defense.

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The chairman of the divisional committee states that the rules, as set forth herein, have been officially approved by the Illuminating Engineering Society and have been tried out for several years under working conditions in factories, mills, and other work places.

These rules constitute the basis of the Pennsylvania factory lighting code, which became effective in the labor laws of that State June 1, 1916; also the basis of the New Jersey lighting code, which went into effect in that State on August 1, 1916.